

REMARKS

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner pointed out that Applicants' arguments regarding their helical knife edges which provide an S-formed cut in the bag is not persuasive because not recited in the claims.

This RCE is being filed to amend Applicants' claims to include this limitation.

It is believed that the recitation of "a double-edged helix-shaped cutting blade" clearly distinguishes Applicants' claims from anything that is taught or suggested by the King reference.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

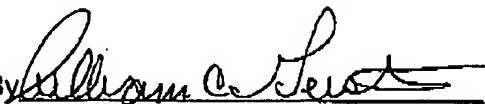
If any extension of time for this response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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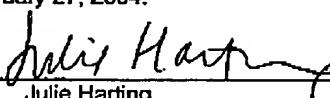
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